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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE TO AFRICA; LUSAKA SCHEDULE IV

REF: STATE 085449, LUSAKA 0816 - LUSAKA SCHEDULE III

1. I INFORMED FONMIN BANDA OF STATE REFTEL, SAYING "HIS" SUGGESTED SCHEDULE LOOKED GOOD TO DEPT BUT STILL REQUIRED SECRETARY'S FINAL APPROVAL. HE PLEASSED TO HEAR THIS.

2. I ALSO EXPRESSED US APPRECIATION FOR ZAMBIAN SUGGESTION THAT SECY STAY SECOND NIGHT IN ZAMBIA AND TOLD BANDA THAT WHILE IT WAS VERY, VERY MUCH APPRECIATED, SECY WOULD DEPART LIVINGSTONE FOR KINSHASA LATE AFTERNOON APR 27. BANDA DISAPPOINTED BUT TOOK NEWS IN GOOD GRACE. I ALSO REPORTED THAT NOTWITHSTANDING A PHONE CALL FROM MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHIKWANDA COMPLAINING ABOUT SECY'S "SHORT STAY" IN ZAMBIA, HE WOULD BE SPENDING SAME AMOUNT OF TIME (24 HOURS) IN EACH OF THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

3. FONMIN THEN TOLD ME HE HAD ASKED MINISTER OF STATE SILWIZYA TO SIT IN ON CONVERSATION BECAUSE HE HAD APPOINTED HIM HEAD OF MOFA TASK FORCE TO DEAL WITH COORDINATING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECY VISIT.

4. WE TALKED ABOUT FIVE PRESS OPPORTUNITIES IDENTIFIED DURING
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VISIT AS FOLLOWS:

A. AN ARRIVAL STATEMENT AT THE AIRPORT APR 26;

B. LIGHT REMARKS IN EXCHANGE OF TOASTS AT FONMIN'S RECEPTION
AT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL EVENING APR 26;

C. MAJOR US FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT ON SOUTHERN AFRICA AT
STATE HOUSE AT WHICH CORRESPONDENTS WOULD BE CALLED IN.
(NOTE: BANDA SAID PRES KAUNDA WOULD REMAIN IN STATE HOUSE
DINING ROOM TO HEAR STATEMENT BUT WOULD DEPART IMMEDIATELY
THEREAFTER TO ALLOW SECY TO DEAL ON HIS OWN TERMS WITH PRESS.
I SAID THIS WAS UNDERSTOOD AND CERTAINLY THE ONLY APPROPRIATE
ARRANGEMENT.)

D. PRESS CONFERENCE AT STATE HOUSE. I PROPOSED THIS AS AN
ALTERNATIVE TO BANDA'S PROPOSAL THAT CONFERENCE BE HELD AT
AIRPORT. BANDA ACCEPTED MY REASONS THAT IT WOULD FLOW MORE
EASILY AND NATURALLY AT STATE HOUSE, WOULD PERMIT INSTALLATION
OF MIKES, ETC.; WOULD ALSO SAVE TIME AND NOT BREAK CONTINUITY.
BANDA FULLY AGREED AND SAID HE WAS NOT HARD AND FAST ON ANY OF
FINAL POINTS AND DETAILS; HE LEFT THOSE TO EMBASSY TO WORK OUT
WITH SILWIZYA AND HIS TASK FORCE.

E. LIVINGSTONE DEPARTURE STATEMENT. WE ASSUME SECY WOULD
ALSO DO USUAL "BRICKBATS AGAINST RHODESIA" AS HE STANDS ON THE
BANKS OF THE ZAMBEZI. THIS TOO WAS ACCEPTABLE TO FONMIN.
HE HAD NO COMMENTS AS TO CONTENT OF ANY OF THESE PRESS OPPORT-
UNITIES.

5. ON THE LIVINGSTONE LEG, I MENTIONED SECY WOULD NOT BE HAVING
HIS ARMORED LIMOUSINE BUT WOULD REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF
VEHICLES BECAUSE THERE WERE 40 IN THE PARTY INCLUDING PRESS AND
SUPPORT STAFF. BANDA AND SILWIZYA SAID THEY WOULD BE MAKING
APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS; IN FACT THEY FACETIOUSLY SUGGESTED
"PUTTING SECY IN ONE OF ZAMBIA'S LOCALLY ASSEMBLED FIATS SO
HE KNOWS THE PROBLEMS WE ARE UP AGAINST*"
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